



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 132

Senate, April 7, 2014

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE CONSORTIUM OF CONNECTICUT ART MUSEUMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) For the fiscal year ending
- 2 June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of
- 3 Economic and Community Development shall award a grant-in-aid in
- 4 the amount of four hundred ninety thousand dollars to the
- 5 Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums for operating expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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CE *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Potential Cost	490,000	None

Municipal Impact: None**Explanation**

The bill appropriates \$490,000 in FY 15 to a grant-in-aid for the Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums. However, it is unclear whether the funding may be expended as the Consortium is not a formally organized entity.

sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, appropriates \$700,000 to a new "Arts Museum Consortium" account. The appropriation in sHB 5030 is to be distributed equally among the following seven museums: Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London, Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, and New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain.

The bill also results in the budget being closer to the spending cap in FY 15. Total appropriations contained in sHB 5030, the FY 15 revised budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, result in the FY 15 budget being under the spending cap by approximately \$700,000. The appropriations contained in the bill would result in the FY 15 budget being under the spending cap by

approximately \$210,000.

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The bill appropriates funding in FY 15 only.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 132*****AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE CONSORTIUM OF CONNECTICUT ART MUSEUMS.*****SUMMARY:**

Each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, this bill requires the Department of Economic Development (DECD) to give a \$490,000 grant to the "Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums" for operating expenses. However, the "Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums" does not appear to be a formally organized entity. Consequently, DECD may not be able to enter into an agreement to provide this grant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/25/2014)